# Automatic E-Mail Updates from the UnCover Company Free to NIH staff

The NIH Library has purchased a site license to the **UnCover** Company's **Reveal** service. Anyone whose electronic mail address ends with **nih.gov** may use



charge. UnCover can be accessed via the internet's telnet function at the address database.carl.org or through the NIH Library's World Wide Web Home Page at http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/home.exe?www by clicking additional sites.

The UnCover database, created by a consortium of research libraries, indexes over 17,000 periodicals in a wide range of subject areas including the sciences. It includes references from and the tables of contents for each of those titles.

Reveal is a fee-based electronic mail alert service of the UnCover database. NIH staff may, under the conditions of the recently purchased site license, set up a profile without charge. After waiting 24 hours for mail address clearance and storage, the user may select up to 50 titles for table of contents delivery, and define up to

# Request Literature Searches Electronically

Whenever telephoning (496-1156), or stopping by the Library's Interview Desk to **request a search** of the literature is inconvenient or not possible, electronic submission is an option available to NIH staff. There are several ways NIH staff can submit literature search requests **electronically**.

The simplest is the completion of a search request form found on the NIH Library's World Wide Web home page. The address is http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/home.exe?www. Click on Requests for the search form.

Those who do not yet have access to the Web can request a search by **contact**ing **a** specific **Search Analyst** through electronic mail. Below is a complete list of **e-mail** addresses for search analysts.

- ▼ Frank Barile
- Candace Cupps
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Another electronic mail option for NIH staff utilizes an electronic search request form retrieved from a server and returned when completed to a search mailbox at the Library. Call the Library at 496-1156 for detailed instructions on this option.

25 **topical profiles** for **weekly reference updates**. Both tables of contents and weekly subject updates are sent automatically to the user's email address.

Detailed information on this new service is available from the **NIH Library** at **496-1156**.

Step by step instructions for setting up a profile are given on the back of this issue.

### CDC on the Web

Two important publications of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are available, full-text, through the World Wide Web (WWW). Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) and Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) can both be found from the CDC's Web home page. The address is http://www.cdc.gov.

# **UnCover Reveal Instructions**

#### **HOW TO SET UP A PROFILE**

- 1 Telnet to database.carl.org or go to World Wide Web address http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/home.exe?www, and click on "additional sites," then click on Carl UnCover.
- 2 Select the number for **your terminal type** (#5, vt100, is a good bet if unsure).
- 3 Select **UnCover** from the menu (#1).
- 4 Press Return when prompted for an access password
- 5 Press **Return** again to continue as an open access user
- 6 Press **Return** to set up new profile
- 7 To set up a profile type **NEW** (setting up a profile is necessary to select titles for table of contents delivery; ignore method of payment information unless you plan to order documents from the service.)
- 8 Type //exit to leave UnCover.

Save your profile number. Wait at least 24 hours

#### **HOW TO ORDER TABLES OF CONTENTS**

After signing on,

- Select B for browse titles to begin your selection of titles. We entered Journal of the American Medical Association, for example, and did not find it. Then we tried JAMA and found it. New England Journal of Medicine we found by entering it just that way.
- 2 Select the title from the list provided by typing its number, and type **reveal**.
- 3 Type //exit to sign off.

#### HOW TO ORDER REFERENCE UPDATES

After signing on,

- 1 Type **Alert**, then
- Type A <Return>

UnCover offers several choices at this point. One is to select from searches previously done while in UnCover. The second is to create a strategy. If you are new to the UnCover, choose this one

3 Type C <Return>

The system will prompt the user for the type of search to be saved:

W for Words from articles or summaries N for Names of article authors

and then prompt the user for search terms.

Boolean operators (and, or) and truncation (\*) can be used in

composing a search strategy e.g.

epilepsy and (child\* or (young adult\*))

The user may store up to 25 topical search strategies in their profile. New references are forwarded each week.

4 Type //exit to leave UnCover.

Hint: Profile numbers, necessary should the user wish to modify their selection of titles and subject updates, are easily misplaced. Fortunately, they appear on forwarded table of contents and references. Should you misplace your profile number, check previously sent tables of contents or references.

Call 1-800-787-7979 for more detailed UnCover Reveal information.

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